

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Office on March 17, 2006, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-19) without traverse.

For examination Applicants elect the following species:

Starter unit: (methylthio)acetyl CoA.

Polyketide: 15-methyl-6-dEB.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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